

Dear Citizen of Heaven through FAITH in CHRIST alone, (Acts 4:12). I greet you in the INCOMPARABLE name of the JESUS, and I fervently PRAY that you are resting & rejoicing in HIM. JESUS alone is the still point in a world that is crumbling. HE is ROCK SOLID. I trust that, as this newsletter reaches you, IT IS WELL WITH YOUR SOUL.

I PRAISE the LORD for the continuing opening of doors & wonderful opportunities to preach & share HIS WORD. In 24 plus years of ministry, averaging 21 to 23 services a month, August of 2006 was the busiest & most fruitful time in all these years. There were 32 services & the harvest was well over 500 who either received JESUS CHRIST in their hearts or rededicated their lives to HIM. And believe me, it was in & thru HIS strength & power, (Eph. 6:10; John 15:5)

I ministered at L.A. Co. Jail 4 times this month, preaching 4 services & also 15 hours of counseling. The first service had 93 inmates & over 80% received the LORD. The other 3 services also had good harvests & attendance. The Long Beach Mission services are always crowded with very large harvests of souls. The Fred Jordan, Union Rescue & L.A. Missions were all well attended even though it was scorching hot & no air conditioning. I used wisdom (Jas. 1:5) by giving the 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> services at the Fred Jordan Mission to brother & friend David Threlkel. I flew in from Pelican Bay Pen. on the 7<sup>th</sup> & Susanville Pen. on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The ministry trip to Pelican Bay Penitentiary was very fruitful & blessed. Yard B was still locked down from the last time I was there. On Sunday, I ministered at 4 services, giving an hour & fifteen minute sermon at each service. The WORD of GOD kept them attentive in all the weekend services. I brought the shining light of JESUS & HIS awesome WORD into that place of darkness. I'm told it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst penitentiary in the country. I saw GOD change hearts & they embraced HIS LOVE & FORGIVENESS.

My home Bible Study had 5 completed Jews out of the 14 who attended. Now that is exciting. I also did a teaching at Jacob's Well Recovery in Long Beach. Aren't the gas prices sickening? It really puts a hit on me, but I'll not stop going where the LORD sends me. Instead of going out to a restaurant 3 times a month, I save \$ for gas & praise the LORD down the highway. A brother in the LORD who is a Gideon tried to get me Bibles from the Gideon's but I was turned down, as they don't partnership with other ministries. The Lord, as ALWAYS, will come thru for me thru someone else.

Chino Women's Prison as always was packed with hurting women & we had a large harvest. Hundreds there are praying the Arsenal Prayer DAILY.

For the first time, I ministered at Susanville Penitentiary & was blessed to meet Chaplain Jack Carmichael, a GODLY man of faith. I flew to Reno Friday AM (25<sup>th</sup>) & drove 90 miles north to Susanville. Then I ministered a service on Friday night, 4 services on Saturday & 4 services on Sunday. See why I gave the 29<sup>th</sup> service to David? J As always, wherever I go, I find that there are inmates who had heard me preach in other prisons. The inmates want me to come back & I promised that I would. It was a very blessed time in the LORD, with some very nice harvests.

While at Pelican Bay, I went into the psychiatric facility of the prison to minister to a young man who is a lifer. His sister who attends Church on the Way asked me to see him. I spent 25 minutes with him & led him to the LORD. I gave him the Arsenal Prayer, a 'Pulling Down Strongholds' book, along with a flyer & newsletter. GOD lifted his heart & it was a Holy Spirit infusion, but I saw that he & all the others there looked lonely & forsaken. This is an extremely dark place & the devil works on their minds, which is his playground. The Christian life is NOT a playground, but is a battleground. Spiritual Warfare is real & you cannot take it or prayer lightly. Loneliness & aloneness are 2 different

things. With the presence of CHRIST in our lives, we need not be lonely, no matter how alone we may be. I gave him & anyone I minister to when they are in the hole, Heb. 13:5 & Matt. 28:20. JESUS NEVER leaves us nor forsakes us. Deu. 31:6 & Joshua 1:9 also show us GOD will NOT abandon us.

Multitudes of people, including Christians, are lonely because they refuse to change their thinking about aloneness. So often when I share with a lonely person that JESUS & only JESUS can dispel their loneliness, many times I hear, 'Yeh , but I want a live person.' If we refuse to allow the LORD to be our cure for loneliness & continue to do it our way to fill the empty void with people & activities, we will continue to find loneliness our companion. Some do not like the idea of learning to let HIM fill up their empty time & change their lonely feelings. Well, as long as they continue to rebel, they will continue to live in that parched land of loneliness (Ps. 68:6). If you are alone on the weekends, remember that, 'GOD is the GOD of weekends.' Trust HIM (Ps. 91:2; Nahum 1:7). Cry out to HIM (Ps. 138:3; Ps. 30:2; Jer. 30:17; Ps. 34:6, 15-19; Ps. 107:6, 13, 19, 28). PRAY & put on the mind of CHRIST (Phil. 2:5; Col 3:2; I Peter 4:1) so the devil can't bring the negative thoughts to discourage you. PRAISE THE LORD anyway!!! (Ps. 18:3; Ps. 50:23; Ps.34:1; Ps. 100:4, Ps. 22:3). Just say, 'LORD fill me with YOU.'

Until next month, may GOD BLESS YOU, & to you who sent LOVE offerings, a 100-fold return,

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak